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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM:

                    Chairman, Information Handling Committee

SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Database Connectivity (U)

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1. I recently received a memorandum that you sent to [redacted] on computerization. In that memo you asked about the role of the Information Handling Committee (IHC) in planning the connectivity of computer systems. Let me very briefly describe a project in that regard that the IHC has initiated.

2. The project is called the Community Information Retrieval System (CIRS). When completed it will interconnect five major computer systems in the Community. Properly cleared analysts in any NFIB agency with the appropriate need-to-know will then be able to retrieve documents stored in specified files via their own computer terminals. Initial planning for the project is complete, and implementation is proceeding under IHC coordination.

3. The first set of files, located at NSA, is scheduled to come on-line next year. It will be followed by FTD and DIA in 1986 and NPIC in 1987. The last set of files, located in CIA/SAFE, is tentatively scheduled for 1990 to allow time to solve the security concerns related to tying a CIA computer into the network.

4. This is a complex cooperative community undertaking which is designed to help analysts throughout the community cope with the expanding volume of intelligence information. If you have further questions concerning this or any other IHC activity, please let me know.

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